

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Cancelled)

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Currently Amended) An automatic teller machine for automatic withdrawal and deposit of currency bills in accordance with an operation by a customer, comprising:

a currency bill receptacle opened and closed by a shutter,

wherein said currency bill receptacle comprises a currency bill holder deep inside the shutter;

a security camera positioned at a predetermined location in said currency bill receptacle that captures images of the interior of said currency bill receptacle when said shutter is opened, and where said security camera captures an upper torso of the customer and a hand of the customer inserted into said currency bill receptacle in one continuous image; and

a plurality of sensors for detecting insertion of a hand into the currency bill receptacle are provided at two predetermined locations behind said shutter and within said currency bill receptacle; wherein

said security camera operates to capture a first image of said interior of said currency bill receptacle when at least a first of said plurality of sensors corresponding to the shutter detects the insertion of a hand of the customer into said interior of said currency bill receptacle;

wherein said security camera operates to capture a second image of said interior of said currency bill receptacle when at least a second of said plurality of sensors corresponding to the currency bill holder detects currency bills being taken out of said currency bill holder after said detection by the first sensor, and

means for determining if at least one of said currency bills remains in said bill receptacle after a customer has completed operating the terminal, and

means for performing a corrective action on the at least one of the remaining bills in said bill receptacle in response thereto.

4. (Previously Presented) An automatic teller machine as set forth in claim 3, further comprising:

time counting means for counting the time after said bill receptacle is opened by said shutter, and

said security camera operates to capture the image when a count of said time counting means reaches a predetermined time in the state without the sensors in the receptacle having

been triggered.

5. (Previously Presented) An automatic teller machine as set forth in claim 3, further comprising:

a second security camera installed at another portion of said automatic teller machine in addition to the security camera installed in said bill receptacle.

6. (Previously Presented) An automatic teller machine as set forth in claim 5, characterized in that the respective ranges captured by the security camera in said bill receptacle and the second security camera are different, non-overlapping ranges to capture corresponding, independent images of the customer.

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17. (Previously Presented) An automatic teller machine as set forth in claim 4, wherein

if the predetermined time has not elapsed, the time counting means determines if a second predetermined time has elapsed, and

if the second predetermined time elapses, the bills remaining in said bill receptacle are forcibly taken back into the automatic teller machine and the operation is terminated

18. (Cancelled)

19. (Currently Amended) An automatic teller machine for automatic withdrawal and deposit of currency bills in accordance with an operation by a customer, comprising:

a currency bill receptacle opened and closed by a shutter, and

a security camera positioned at a predetermined location in said currency bill receptacle when said shutter is opened and where said security camera captures an upper torso of the customer and a hand of the customer inserted into said currency bill receptacle in one continuous image.

20. (Currently Amended) An automatic teller machine for automatic withdrawal and deposit of currency bills in accordance with an operation by a customer, comprising:

a currency bill receptacle opened and closed by a shutter, and

a security camera positioned at a predetermined location in said currency bill receptacle

when said shutter is opened and where said security camera captures a face of the customer, an upper torso of the customer and a hand of the customer inserted into said currency bill receptacle in one continuous image.